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不健康的現實:白景瑞電影中的現代性呈現

Unhealthy Realism: Representations of modernity in the films of Pai Ching-jui

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This talk will examine the ways in which Taiwan's experience of modernity is represented in two films by the director Pai Ching-jui (1931-1997). In 'Lonely Seventeen' (1967) and 'Home Sweet Home' (1969) the director casts a critical eye over the changes taking place Taiwan in the late 1960s, including the island's developing relationship with the West. Here European and American visitors, their tastes and cultural traditions, and the architectural and narrative spaces with which they are associated, are constructed as key signifiers of modernity; and both 'Lonely Seventeen' and 'Home Sweet Home' feature encounters between Taiwanese protagonists and Westerners that serve to problematize Taiwan's engagement with modernity and the West. Thus, in Pai's films, the international spaces of hotels, restaurants and airports stage cultural encounters in which identities and modernities do not pass seamlessly between one culture and another, but rather become the scene of cultural disturbance: these are the locations in which communication fails, in which identities are threatened, and in which the utopian celebration of modernity is questioned.

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